

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY :— (Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare)

(a) Yes.

(b) A promise was made in the Legislative Council and Inquiry has been instituted and completed.

(c) Yes. The findings of the Enquiry Officer are still awaited.

(d) and (e) In view of reply to clause (c), it is premature to furnish replies to clauses (d) and (e).

RESIDENTIAL TOWNSHIPS NEAR MANGALORE CITY

(945) SMT. ADDY SALDHANA (Mangalore).—

Will the Minister for Municipal Administration be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the Government has not felt the need for brining up of residential townships close to the development Mangalore City in view of alarming situation of housing problems :

(b) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the industries are extended to Padavu Panchayat ; if so, whether there is any proposal to merge this in Mangalore Municipal area ;

(c) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that in view of the proposed harbour projects, area including Surathkal should form the part of Mangalore for integrated development ?

SRI B. Basavalingappa .— (Minister for Municipal Administration).

(a) No.

(b) Yes. There is no proposal to merge this area in the Mangalore Municipal Council area.

(c) Yes.

[CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE] :—

[(i) *Re: Acute Scarcity of drinking water in Khanapur Town.*]

SRI N. B. SIRDESAI (Khanapur) :— I call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare to the acute scarcity of drinking water in Khanapur Town.

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY (Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare) :— In response to the call attention notice, I wish to make the following statement :

A sugar factory has been established at M. K. Hubli, Khanapura taluk. The establishment of the Sugar Factory at M. K. Hubli has created an incentive for the ryots of Khanapura taluk to grow sugarcane in large areas. With a view to ensure adequate supply of water to the sugarcane fields, the ryots have put up about 20-25 pump sets within a range of two miles, on the banks of the river, Malaprabha.

Rainfall in Khanapura taluk was less than the minimum average during the year 1972-73. The volume of flow of water was comparatively less during the year and the flow has diminished in the summer months.

Khanapura Town, the Taluk headquarters place, has a population of 10,193. Due to scarcity of water for drinking and other domestic purposes, the residents of Khanapura had to depend entirely on the thin flow of water in the river Malaprabha. At this juncture, the availability of water in the river became too scarce, due to tapping of river water by the ryots for their sugarcane fields through the pump sets installed by them. Thus, being threatened by water famine, the residents of Khanapura mostly women, approached the Tahasildar, Khanapura taluk on 19th March 1973 in a delegation and urged him to save the situation by taking immediate and effective measures aimed at preserving the water in the river for drinking purposes.

The Tahasildar, who happens to be the Ex-officio Taluk Magistrate, promulgated an order under section 14 Cr. P. C., prohibiting the lifting of water from the rivers Malaprabha, Hahar and others flowing within the limits of Khanapura taluk for irrigation purposes 21st March 1973 and 19th May 1973 in the interest of public safety and human life.

As a result of the above prohibitory order, it is true that irrigation in about 2540 acres of land comprised in 34 villages of Khanapura taluk has been effected. But it was intended to save population of more than 10,000 in Khanapura Town.

The local authorities have got an old well in the river bed at Khanapura desilted. A big pit and then small pits have been dug in the river bed. The residents of Khanapura are drawing water, from these sources. The Taluk Development Board, Khanapura has been provided with Rs. 21,000 under '64 Famine Relief' to get the existing drinking water wells deepened at Khanapura. They are also ready with arrangements to supply water through tankers and lorries if such an emergency were to arise.

In order to ensure adequate supply of drinking water to the residents of Khanapura, a water supply scheme under National Rural Supply Scheme was sanctioned by the Government, in No. DPC 721 VRW 70 dated 30th June 1974 at an estimated cost of Rs. 6, 73, 100

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As a result of increase in the cost of labour and materials, the estimate has been recast and the cost has gone up to Rs. 8, 09, 500. The Town Panchayat Committee, Khanapura has credited the balance of its contribution amounting to Rs. 4, 855 on 24th February 1973. Pending revised sanction of the recast estimate, the Executive Engineer, PHE Belgaum has been authorised to take up construction of head works on piece work system. Pies costing Rs. 1, 14, 258- have already been procured.

The following are the other National Rural Water Supply Schemes proposed in Khanapura Taluk.

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| (1) Nandagad : | Estimated cost Rs. 2,43,000. The Town Panchayat Committee has to credit Rs. 22,300 being 10% contribution. |
| (2) Chickmauli : | Estimated cost Rs. 58,000. The Town Panchayat Committee has to credit Rs. 6,800. |
| (3) Gandigwadi : | Estimated cost Rs. 2,14,200. The T.P.C. has credited Rs. 19,420. and due to credit Rs. 2,000. |
| (4) Landa : | Estimated cost Rs. 6,57,000. The T.P.C. has credited Rs. 63,740. Balance of Rs. 1,960 has to be credited. |
| (5) Tolagi | Plans and estimates are under preparation. |
| (6) Ohmani | |
| (7) Kasaba Nandgod | |

Barrages at Chikhattiholi and Kamashinkop have already been constructed. But they are not having water at present. Plan and estimate for constructing a barrage at Yedoga are under preparation. There are also proposals to construct a barrage near Jalaga and to provide planking arrangements to the old causeway on Belgaum-Yallapur road near Khanapura.

SRI N. B. SIRDESAI : I want to know what permanent measures the Government have taken to avoid recurrence of scarcity conditions in future?

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY.—These are some of the permanent measure that have already been taken to tide-over the scarcity condition in regard to availability of water.

SRI N. B. SIRDESAI.—I had requested the Government to construct barrages in the river beds and nallas because due to extensive irrigation the rivers and nallas will go dry soon and there will be paucity of drinking water this year. May I know what steps you have taken to construct barrages as suggested by me?

SRI MALLIKARJUNASWAMY.—We have taken necessary steps to see that water is made available.

(ii) *Re :-acute Scarcity of drinking water in some villages in Hassan District and with drawal of funds under 64 famine Relief.*

SRI K. H. HANUME GOWDA.—(Hassan) I call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare to the acute scarcity of drinking water in some villages of Hassan District as also withdrawal of funds provided under "64. Famine Relief".

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY.—(Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare): I wish to make the following statement.

According to the report received from the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, there is no scarcity of drinking water in any part of Hassan District at present. No instances of drinking water wells having dried up and requiring deepening have been brought to the notice of the Government.

It is a fact that in Government letter No. PWD 512 TSY 73 dated 5th May 1973, the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District was requested to surrender Rs. 10.36 lakhs provided to the District under "64 Famine Relief". But the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan, has retained Rs. 4 lakhs for being utilised in the District in the course of the year 1973-74 and has surrendered Rs. 6.36 lakhs.

The position of availability of drinking water in the district is generally satisfactory.

1-30 P. M.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಚ್. ಹನುಮೇಗೌಡ.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಹಾಸನ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವ ಭಾಗದಲ್ಲೂ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿನ ಅಭಾವ ಇಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ನಾನೇ ಖುದ್ದಾಗಿ ಹತ್ತಾರು ಹಳ್ಳಿಗಳನ್ನು ನೋಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಬಂದಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಅವರು ಹೇಳುವ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ನಿಜವಾಗಿ ನೀರಿನ ಸ್ಕೇರ್‌ಷಿಟ ಇಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೆ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ನಾನು ಬಂದು ನಿಮಿಷ ಇರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ತಯಾರಿಲ್ಲ. ನಾನು ಕಣ್ಣಾರೆ ನೋಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಬಂದಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಜನ ನೀರಿಲ್ಲದೆ ಕಷ್ಟ ಪಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಸತ್ಯಕ್ಕೆ ದೂರವಾದ ಸ್ಟೇಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಜನಗಳ ಕಷ್ಟ ಮರೆಮಾಚುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ವಿಷಾದಪಡುತ್ತೇನೆ. ೨ ಹಳ್ಳಿಗಳ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ೨ ಹಳ್ಳಿಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದೂವರೆ ಮೈಲಿ ದೂರದಿಂದ ನೀರು ತರುವುದನ್ನು ನೋಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಬಂದಿದ್ದೇನೆ. ಡಿವಿಜನಲ್ ಕಮಿಷನರ್ ಹಾಸನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದ್ದರು. ಅವರಿಗೆ ರೆಪ್ರೆಸೆಂಟೇಟಿವ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಾಗ, ತಕ್ಷಣ ೧೫-೨೦ ಭಾವಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅಳ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಆರ್ಡರ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ವಿಚಾರ ಒಗ್ಗಿದ್ದರೂ ಕೂಡ, ಒಂದು ಭಾವಿಯೂ ಒಣಗಿಲ್ಲ, ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಏನೂ ನೀರಿನ ಸ್ಕೇರ್‌ಷಿಟ ಇಲ್ಲ ಎನ್ನುವುದಾಗರೆ ದಯಮಾಡಿ ನನ್ನ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಬರಲಿ ನಾನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತಿರುವುದು ಸುಳ್ಳಾದರೆ ಒಂದು ನಿಮಿಷ ಕೂಡ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಮೆಂಬರಾಗಿ ಕುಳಿತುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ದಯಮಾಡಿ ಈ ಸದನವನ್ನು ತಪ್ಪದಾರಿಗೆ ಎಳೆಯತಕ್ಕಂಥ ಸ್ಟೇಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೊಡಬಾರದು.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಇಷ್ಟೊಂದು ಕೋಪಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಬಿಟ್ಟರೆ ಹೇಗೆ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಎಚ್. ಹನುಮೇಗೌಡ.—ಜನರು ಬೆಳ್ಳಿಯ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ ಎಂದು ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಓಟು ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಇಲ್ಲಿಗೆ ಕಳುಹಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ ನಾವು ಕೆಲಸಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅಗದೇ ಇದ್ದ ಮೇಲೆ, ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಮೆಂಬರಾಗಿ ಏಕೆ ಇರಬೇಕು? ಈ ರೀತಿ ಸಂಘಟನೆ ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಏಕೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾರೆ?